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On the 9th inst. during the gale which was blowing at the time, a native woman carrying six buckets of pig-wash was blown into the harbour near Kowloon City wharf. The coxswain of the steam launch Willy noticed the unfortunate predicament of the woman and immediately brought his launch alongside the place where the woman had gone down, and after throwing out two life buoys instantly dived into the water. The poor woman, who was drowned, had clung to one of the buckets which had prevented her from rising after entering the water. Soon help was forthcoming and the plucky coxswain was rescued in a very exhausted condition. This brave act was brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor who presented the coxswain with \$5. At the Magistrate's court, Mr. J. H. Kemp, directed that the coxswain be presented with a further sum of \$5 from the Poor Box and spoke a few words of appreciation to him.

BANDMANN COMEDY COMPANY.

"A Royal Divorce."

There was a full house last night to witness the performance of "A Royal Divorce" by the Bandmann Comedy Company. The play went with a fine swing, and Miss Florence Hamer ably interpreted the part of the unfortunate Empress Josephine. Miss Hamer is a talented actress and throws her whole soul into her work.

Mention must also be made of Miss Lucy Beaumont, as Marie Louise, and Miss Joan Harcourt, as Lady in Waiting to Josephine. Both these ladies acted with dignity and grace, while Mr. Charles Vance as Napoleon was particularly good. The minor parts came in perfectly and on the whole we have to congratulate the Company on giving such a reproduction of a truly interesting and pathetic story. The scenery was very fine.

To-night's Play.

There should be another crowded house at the Theatre Royal to-night, when an opportunity will be afforded of witnessing this highly diverting farcical comedy "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which had a two years' run at the Adelphi Theatre in London, where Mrs. May's Cuck appeared in the title role and made the play a distinct success before London audiences. The play is unconventional in character, and furnishes a highly amusing picture of domestic life among the middle classes in the South-East of England. The action and dialogue situations revolve round "the cabbage patch," of which Mrs. Wiggs is the owner, and whose domestic philosophy is "never put up your umbrella before it rains." The great success of the comedy has preceded its appearance in the East, and those who attend at the Theatre to-night will doubtless be delighted with the play.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

A warm welcome is being prepared for delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, which opens in London on June 7. It will extend over three weeks. Members will be enabled to inspect some great naval base, also to visit industrial, shipbuilding and university centres, and exchange views with leading statesmen and professional men, besides seeing something of English country life under distinguished auspices.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on the master of an unlicensed junk, at the Marine Court to-day, for failing to furnish full particulars at the Harbour Office of the armament of his ship.

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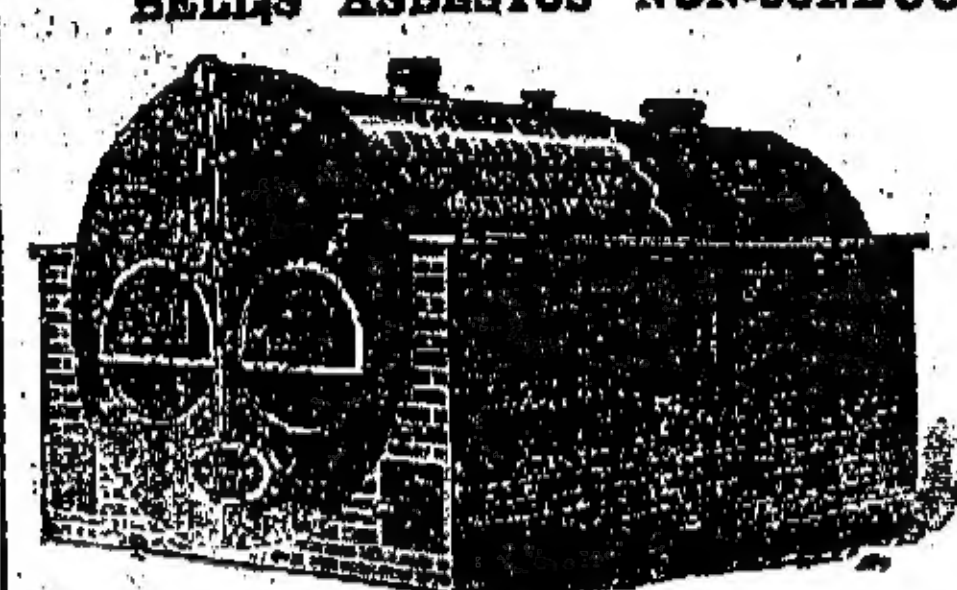
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THE TRAMWAY BILL

The Cross-Examination of
Mr. Denison.

On account of want of time we were
unable to give the cross-examination of
Mr. Albert Denison, by the members at
the Legislative Council meeting, in our
issue of last night.

Hon. Mr. Pollock:—Can you suggest,
Mr. Denison, any method for carrying a
tram along the proposed blue route other
than the steel truss viaduct which would
cause less noise?—Concrete arches might
be erected.

Do you think that would be more ex-
pensive?—I think it would be much more
expensive.

His Excellency:—Would the noise still
be so great as to inconvenience people in
the cathedral?—Yes, your Excellency. I
think the pulleys alone would be sufficient
to inconvenience them. Even on the pre-
sent tramway the noise is rather excessive.

Hon. Attorney-General:—Would the
noise on the proposed tramway be greater
than that caused by the electric trams in
the streets?—Yes.

Hon. Colonial Secretary:—Are you a
member of the Union Church, Mr.
Denison?—No.

Have you ever attended divine service
there?—Yes.

Did you suffer any inconvenience from
the noise of the pulleys on the Peak tram-
way?—I don't remember doing so, but the
line there is straight, and on the solid.

Do you know the distance between the
Union Church building and the central
line of the Peak tramway?—I should say
about 30 or 40 feet.

And the distance in this case is said to
be 80 yards?

Sir Henry Berkeley:—340 feet from the
cathedral, and 68 feet from the houses.

By Sir Henry Berkeley:—The Peak
tramway at that part passes over the
street?—Yes, but the cars just there travel
very slowly. The car is opposite the com-
pressor, so there is scarcely any noise.

The Union Church is a Protestant
Church, isn't it?—Yes.

And there are no masses and confe-
ssions?—No.

Hon. Mr. Slade:—With regard to the
privacy, couldn't that objection be easily
obviated by a screen or barricade run up
alongside the line to prevent people in cars
looking into those houses?—Yes.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt:—But that would
block out a good deal of the view of the
gardens?—Yes.

You stated just now that you thought a
cutting would be cheaper than tunnels.
Can you give the committee any idea of
the difference between the tunnel and the
tunnel scheme?—I have not gone into it.

Hon. Director of Public Works:—Your
firm, Mr. Denison, were the original engi-
neers engaged on this scheme, were they
not?—Yes.

And the alignment shown on that plan
on red is the alignment originally proposed
by you, I think?—Yes.

And that was absolutely refused by Sir
Matthew Nathan when he was Governor,
was it not?—I don't know. I was not here
at the time.

You know you were required to prepare
another scheme giving a different route?—
No, I understand the route was the same.

As a matter of fact the route was deviated
to some extent. I referred to the noise
a train makes in passing, such a bridge as
the Forth bridge; that is rather an ex-
aggerated comparison is it not? A train
would make much more noise than a tram
car?—Eight carriages will make more noise
than one.

And the weight of carriages will be im-
mensely greater than a tramcar?—Yes. I
should say a train would be slightly heavier.
But in this case there is not only the
carriage wheels, but pulleys.

You don't anticipate hearing this noise a
mile off?—No, but if the line was half a
mile away it would make a very loud noise
in the cathedral.

You think it would be heard half a mile
away?—Yes.

As regards the privacy of the houses, is
there not a path in the gardens at the
present time just about on a level with the
principal rooms in these houses?—Yes, but
it is almost entirely hidden by trees.

Wouldn't the trees interpose between
the tramway and the houses quite as much
as between the path and houses?—No, I
think to make the tramway you will have
to cut down these trees.

You agree that the pathway overlooks
the houses to at least as great an extent as
the tramway would?—I don't think so. A
certain number of trees must be cut down
to make the tramway.

All the trees are between the pathway
and the houses, and the tramway will be
on the further side of the pathway from
the houses, so that if the trees interpose
between the pathway and the houses they
must interpose between the tramway and
the houses?—To a certain extent.

Anybody could stand in that pathway
and look into the houses as much as they
pleased?—Yes.

Whereas on the tramway the train would
whisk them past at a considerable rate?—
That is so.

And the tramway will also be at a
greater elevation than the pathway, so the
principal view passengers will get will be
at the tops of these houses?—I think you
said just now that the pathway was higher
than the tramway.

The Director of Public Works:—No, the
tramway is higher than the pathway.

Mr. Denison:—And you get a better view
of the bedrooms.

Sir Henry Berkeley:—Your Excellency,
the first observation I will make is that no
evidence has been called here to support
the suggestion of the Director of Public
Works and I take it that the evidence of
Mr. Denison makes it clear that he is

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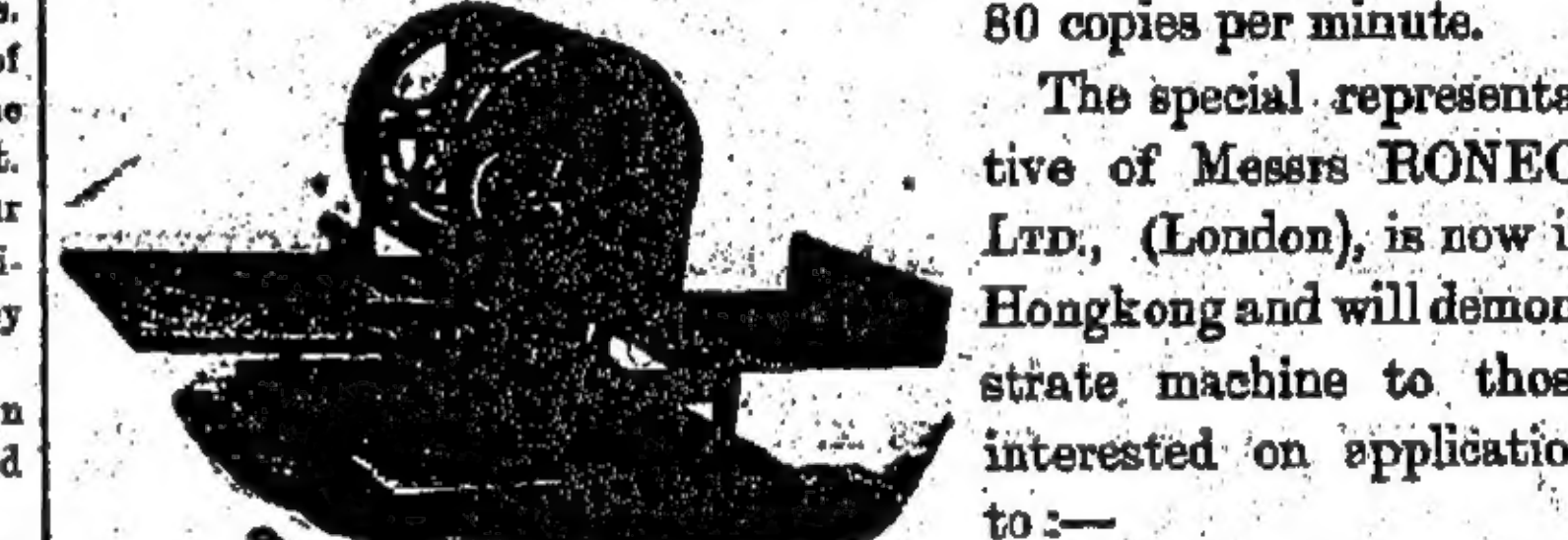
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Leather Goods,
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
5 p.m.—Auction of a Quantity of Toys,
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
Amusements
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Monday, December 21:—
10 a.m.—Auction of Victualling Stores,
at H.M. Naval Establishments.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Magnificent Col-
lection of Oil-paintings, at City Hall.
4 p.m.—Prize Distribution at St. Joseph's
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SPITTING.

It will be interesting to observe the
educational processes of the next six
months with regard to the spitting
nuisance. Much depends, of course,
on the methods adopted; but if a
reasonable line of action is pursued
we have little doubt that a very con-
siderable improvement will be effected
between now and June next. Every-
one is agreed in these days of widely
diffused scientific knowledge that the
habit of expectoration in public is not
only filthy and disgusting, but highly
insanitary, being fraught with pos-
sibilities of great mischief. But there
was a good deal of commonsense in
the arguments brought forward by
those who opposed the granting of the
power asked for by the Government,
though we do not go so far as to
endorse all that fell from the lips of
the Hon. Dr Ho Kai and the Hon.
Mr Wai Yuk and other unofficial
members of Council. The Chinese,
however, are a most reasonable people,
and if they can be brought to see that
the regulation of the spitting habit is
as much for their benefit as anybody's
we need anticipate little trouble, nay
a cheerful acquiescence in the wishes
of the Government. For one thing if
this much needed reform can be brought
about we expect the Chinese com-
munity will reap a great advantage in
the check which it will give to the
ravages among them of pulmonary dis-
eases, at present one of their worst
 scourges.

THE GROWTH OF LONDON.

To judge from the statistics just
published by the London County Coun-
cil, the growth of the "great wen,"
which filled a writer in Queen Anne's
days with amazement, continues as
steadily as ever. It is now estimated
that the population in the area adminis-
tered by the County Council is
4,795,798, and that of Greater London,
which includes Middlesex and part of the
counties of Hertfordshire, Kent, Surrey,
and Essex 7,323,326. In the adminis-
trative county alone there are 101 local
government bodies, with a total number
of members of 3733. Besides the Lon-
don County Council, the 28 metropoli-
tan borough councils and the City of
London Corporation, there are 31 boards
of guardians, four boards of school
district managers, two boards of sick
asylum district managers, the Metropoli-
tan Asylums Board, the Central Unem-
ployed Body, 20 district committees,
the Metropolitan Water Board, the
Thames Conservancy Board, and the
Lea Conservancy Board.

London's parliamentary electorate now
numbers 666,833, while the electorate
for the County Council is 816,593. A
comparison of the votes polled in Lon-
don in the general election of 1906 and in
Berlin for the Reichstag election of 1907
shows that in London, of a total elec-
torate of 620,423 (out of a population of
4,756,217), 485,718 persons, or a per-
centage of 78.3, polled, whereas in Berlin,
out of a population of 1,865,213, there
was an electorate of 403,447, of whom
372,087, or 77.4 per cent., polled.

The latest vital statistics given are
those for 1905, which show that in the
administrative county there were 40,135
marriages as compared with 39,058
in the previous year, of which 26,412
took place in the Established Church
and 8073 at registry offices; 35,033
of the marriages were between bachelors
and spinsters, 1418 between bachelors
and widows, 2167 widowers and spin-
sters, and 1197 widowers and widows.
The total number of illiterate persons
who married showed a slight decline.
The number of births during the year
was 126,392, a slight decline as com-
pared with the previous year. The
death rate of males was 16.49 per
thousand and of females 14.07.

The income of charitable agencies in
and available for the metropolis during
1907 was approximately £20,066,403,
of which sum £1,138,810 was contributed
for medical aid and £1,135,894 for
general and special relief, £322,468 for
institutions for the blind, £601,011 to
benevolent institutions, and £728,682 to
institutions for social and physical
improvement. The total amount of
subscriptions to hospitals in 1906 in
greater London was £347,762, but the
total ordinary income was £246,820.
The total expenditure was £299,982.
The number of in-patients at the
hospitals with medical schools numbered
65,285, while out-patients paid 1,996,464
visits. To the Metropolitan Asylums
Board hospitals 26,004 cases were
admitted. The total number of paupers
in the London unions on January 1,
1907, was 144,897, of whom 25,077
were insane and 1000 were vagrants.
The total expenditure of the London
guardians upon "in-maintenance"
during the year ended Lady Day, 1907,
was £1,095,745, as compared with
£3,332,326 for the whole of England
and Wales.

There are in the administrative area
7187 "on" licensed premises and 2656
"off" licensed houses. The greater
number of "on" licences are in Stepney,
675, Westminster coming next with
663, and the City of London 471. The
City has the greatest number of "off"
licensed premises. Since the Licensing
Act, 1904, came into operation a total
amount of £253,968 has been paid in
respect of compensation. Owing to a
deficiency of funds the sum of £44,724
agreed upon in 1907 for compensation
in respect of eleven licences has been
left over till December next.

The London Fire Brigade during 1907
received 6575 calls, of which 1301 were
false alarms, 864 chimney fires, 3250
light fires, and 10 serious outbreaks.

The number of persons injured was 257,
while 93 were killed. The number of
miles run by brigade appliances was
120,702, and 13,500,000 gallons of water
were used for extinguishing fires. It is
interesting to note, while on this aspect
of London statistics, that the gross
amount insured in respect of property
in the administrative county in 1906
was £1,040,057,846. The number of
false alarms received in London (1891)
is much greater than in Continental
cities. For instance, in Paris there
were 504 false calls, in Berlin 489, and
in Vienna 340.

The free libraries now play an im-
portant part in the life of London
people. The latest statistics to hand
show that during 1905-6 there were
226,438 borrowers, and the number of
books issued was 6,300,387. As to the
educational value of the reading done
we have our doubts, considering the
sad decay in manners which the last
decade has seen.

During 1907 3,736,918 persons passed
through Blackwall Tunnel, 5,331,920
through Greenwich Tunnel, and 5,892-
194 persons utilised Woolwich Ferry.
Last year there were 2567 horse omni-
buses and 1205 motor omnibuses on the
streets, as compared with 2964 and
753 respectively the previous year.
There are in all 146 omnibus routes,
with a total mileage of 814. The num-
ber of passengers carried by the local
railways, the tramways and the prin-
cipal omnibus companies in Greater
London last year was 1,223,990,179,
made up as follows:—Railways,
363,784,894; tramways 685,085,285;
omnibuses, 274,500,000; or 162.6 jour-
neys per head of population.

That London is rather a spendthrift
is shown by the table setting forth the
public debt. If the debt of the City of
London Corporation, secured upon the
City's revenues and estates and not up-
on the rates, be added to the debt
secured on the rates, the total debt in the
City for local purposes will be found to
amount to £5,872,441, equivalent to 109
per cent. of rateable value; and the
debt for local and county purposes to
£15,558,031, equivalent to 290 per cent.
of rateable value. Truly these are pro-
digious figures.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A native fell from the verandah of the
third floor of a house, in Hollywood Road,
this morning, and died on his way to the
hospital.

Mr Fletcher S. Brockman, National
Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of China,
Korea and Hongkong, is to address a
meeting at the European branch on Sunday,
at 9 p.m.

For stealing two leather belts, value
fifty cents, belonging to the Hongkong
and Whampoa Dock Co., a native was
sentenced to one month's imprisonment
at the Magistracy to-day.

The cross-examination of Mr Denison
at the Legislative Council, in connection
with the Tramway Bill appears on pages 2
and 3, while sporting news will be found
on page 8. Other news appear on page 1.

At the Supreme Court to-day Mr
Justice Gompertz gave judgment for \$402
and costs in the case in which Mr O. D.
Thomson sued Mak Ju Tong, complainant
to Messrs Reuter, Brockelmann and Co.,
for \$890.65 for professional services.

In the case in which a stevedore sued
Messrs Wallan and Co., as agents of the
vessel Christiana Dora, to recover \$278.04
for work done, Mr Justice Gompertz to-
day gave judgment, in the Supreme Court,
for a sum of \$706.37 in favour of plaintiff.

While Mr Jose G. Aquino was
looking at the exhibits in the window of
the Lucio Diamond Palace he was sur-
prised to feel a hand in his pocket. How-
ever he caught the offender in the act and
at the Magistracy to-day, defendant was
sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The following paragraph from the
Oshinetsu-American shows a novel form of
calling attention to the financial situa-
tion:—"Uncle Sam is short \$114,000,000
on last year's business. In the same twelve
months Americans at home drank over
9,000,000 gallons of booze. If all would
go on the water wagon for a fortnight and
give Uncle Sam the money saved, the
deficit would be met. Who'll be the first
here to help out his country?"

POOR GIRL.—Those fearful heartaches
are spoiling her good looks. Stearns'
Headache Cure would stop them in no
time. Why not try it? No bad taste, no
bad effects.

ALLEGED GERMAN COUNT ARRESTED.

RINGLEADER OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARIES.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
London, December 17.

The ringleader of the Algerian
revolutionaries has been arrested.
He is alleged to be a German Count
employed by a desertion agency.

The French Press express the utmost
indignation and the Temps asks if
foreigners are to have the right to sow
disorder in the French army.

IMPERIAL AUDIENCE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

Leung Jun-in was received in
audience by the Prince Regent on the
14th inst. He was allowed the privilege
of being seated.

IMPERIAL BODYGUARD.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

The guards of the Imperial Palace,
especially deputed to garrison the
residence of the young Emperor, will
consist of an establishment of 600 men.

ANOTHER RAILWAY PROPOSAL.

A LINE WITH TIBET.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

The proposal to raise a fund for the
construction of a railway from Szechuen
Province to Tibet is being considered.

SUGGESTED NEW ITALIAN CONSULATE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

The Italian Minister has approached
the Board of Foreign Affairs with a view
to a consulate being established in
Mengtze, Yunnan Province.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN TAX.

THE PROPOSAL CRITICISED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has
been memorialised to the effect that the
plan for increasing customs rates and
abolishing likin would affect the
provincial revenue, a that the proposal
should be maturely reconsidered by the
customs and all Provincial authorities
before adoption.

During the absence of the Ven. Arch-
deacon Banister, from the Colony, the
Rev. E. T. Barnett, St Stephen's College,
will act as Secretary of the Church Mis-
sionary Society.

"I wish you would take my wife," said
a hard-pressed debtor to his creditor at
the Whitechapel County Court.

A NOTABLE FACT.

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NEAR EASTERN CRISIS.

RUSSIA AGREES TO PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)

London, December 17.

The Times' correspondent at St
Petersburg says that Russia, after
consulting with Great Britain and
France, accepts the Austrian proposal
to have a preliminary exchange of
views of the several Cabinets concerned,
regarding the annexation of Bosnia, but
such acceptance only concerns the
modus procedendi without in any way
being prejudicial to the programme to
be submitted to the conference to follow.

PRINCE REGENT'S CIVIL ALLOWANCE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

The Prince Regent has reconsidered
the proposals of the Board of Rites and
the Imperial Household Department
regarding his status and his allowance
from the Civil List. His Highness has
cut down the allowance to \$150,000
a year.

DEATH OF WANG WEN- SHAO.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 17.

Wang Wen-shao, formerly of the
Taungth Yamen, has died at his native
city, Hangchow, Chekiang.

ISSUE OF SOUTHERN MANCHURIAN RAILWAY BONDS.

(BROOKER'S SERVICE.)
LONDON, December 16.

The "Standard" states that £2,000-
000, bonds of the Manchurian railway,
bearing 5% interest, will be issued
shortly. The issue to be guaranteed
by the Japanese government.

BANQUET TO SIR ROBERT HART.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
LONDON, December 16.

The London Chamber of Commerce
has given a banquet to Sir Robert Hart,
at which Sir Robert predicted a great
future for China and said that he
believed the Regent would carry on
the work of progress. Mr Mackinnon
Wood said that China must rejoice in
the Japan-American agreement, which
was a guarantee of peace and the open
door.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

London, December 16.

President Roosevelt, in a special
Message to Congress, denounces in the
most vehement manner, the allegations
of corruption and acquisition re the
Panama Canal as infamous libels upon
the individual officials and the Govern-
ment. The real offender is Mr Pulitzer,
the editor of the World. It is there-
fore the high national duty to bring to
justice this wicked vilifier of the
American people.

THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY LOAN.

London, December 16.

The South Manchurian Railway loan
has been issued at £97.10, and is now
quoted at 1 per cent premium.

WAR DECLARED.

BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND HOLLAND.

NEWS UNCONFIRMED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 18.

The Columbian Minister at Washington reports that Venezuela has declared war against Holland.

At present the news is unconfirmed.

THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

A Murder Charge.

Before His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott) the Criminal Sessions opened today. The following constituted the jury—Messrs David A. Purvis, Henry Reeves, Hadley A. Richardson, Johannes P. Uderup, Thomas P. Hall (foreman), Henry Gittins, and Frederick Ellis.

Chiu Yuet Fuk was arraigned on a charge of murdering Choy Yung at Cheong-shan on Nov. 29th.

The Attorney General (the Hon. W. Rees Davies, K.C.), prosecuted on behalf of the Crown; while Mr. R. E. Bellis (instructed by Mr. D'Almeida e Castro, from Messrs Goldring, Darlow, and Morrell) defended.

The Attorney-General, opening the case, said the facts were simple. The deceased man lived at Cheong-shan, in the New Territories, and he and his wife lived together in an unnumbered house. The murder appeared to have arisen out of a quarrel between them on Nov. 25th. The principal witness in the case was a stone carrier, and he would tell the jury that he was in the habit of visiting the house. On Nov. 25th, the night before the murder took place, this witness went to the house, and while there a dispute arose between the prisoner and deceased as to a sum of \$12. The deceased man alleged that the accused had stolen this money from him. Subsequently there was a fight between the men outside. The following morning the same witness paid another visit to the house and found deceased sitting on a bed. Shortly afterwards prisoner came in and the quarrel was resumed on the same subject as the night before. After the dispute had been going on for some time prisoner produced a knife, the deceased man immediately ran out of the house, and the witness followed him. The witness followed the deceased man to a place called "Sue's Life." The witness then ran up, seized the prisoner, snatched the knife from him, and called for assistance. Shortly afterwards another man came up with a rope, and he and the witness bound the prisoner by his wrists as to the quarrel and the murder would be borne out by a married woman living in a house near. The Attorney-General said probably the only question the jury would have to decide was whether there was murder or manslaughter. As the evidence read in the depositions there would probably be no doubt that prisoner had killed the deceased, and that as a result the prisoner died. It would be for the jury to say whether the murder was known as "malice aforethought," whether the fact of the quarrel the night before, the production of the knife, the following of the prisoner with the knife for some distance down the road, and then inflicting the stab upon him was "malice."

After hearing evidence the case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

THE XMAS GIFT DIFFICULTY.

Once more the time of the year has come round when the Xmas gift difficulty will have to be seriously faced, but it is fortunate for residents in Hongkong that there are plenty of establishments in the Colony where assistance in its solution can be obtained. One of these in the well-known fancy goods and stationery depot owned by Messrs Brewer and Co. Here there is a splendid all-round stock of suitable articles for presents, and the prices also are suitably varied to suit all pockets.

To refer briefly to the literature department at first, it must be said that almost every kind of volume is included in Messrs Brewer's stock. But a feature is being made of conveniently-sized leather bound editions of the classics and other works. These are bound in all colours, their covers are richly embellished with really artistic designs, and there is a choice selection from which to choose. Then there is a very large stock of Colonial editions containing the latest productions in fiction; while the usual volumes for the juveniles, such as "Chatterbox," "Little Folks" and so on, will make admirable presents for the youngsters.

Another speciality is being made of a splendid variety of brass-work photo frames of all sizes, as well as a unique lot of chaste ink-stands made of silver-plated metal. Of course, there is in evidence the usual fine collection of Xmas and New Year cards, many of which are indeed lovely specimens of real artistic work, especially those bearing engravings of well-known pictures; while of calendars, diaries, etc., there is almost an endless variety.

Leather goods of all kinds are on view, suitable alike for the lady as well as the man, and among the array of writing cases, purses, cigarette bags, card cases, tobacco pouches, cigar and cigarette cases, holders, etc., there should be no difficulty in selecting a gift which would serve to be thoroughly appreciated by the recipient.

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MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

THE PUNISHMENT BY STOCKS.

The Spitting Nuisance.

We had gone to press on Thursday evening before the consideration of the Magistrates' Ordinance Amendment, came on at the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Attorney General moved that the Council go into committee on the bill entitled an ordinance to amend the Magistrates' Ordinance 1890 and to effect certain other amendments in the Criminal Law.

In doing so, he said—With reference, Sir, to this order it will be in the recollection of the members that at the last meeting of the Council the subject of the amendment of the Magistrates' Ordinance 1890 and to effect certain other amendments in the Criminal Law was discussed. I have had the opportunity, with your Excellency's sanction, to confer with the hon. and learned gentlemen upon these points and have arrived at the conclusion, to meet what he desires in the matter, that the clause should be amended to make it perfectly and clearly understood that the particular ordinance mentioned are not to be included within the scope of the punishment imposed by stocks. That being so, Sir, I propose to omit clause 3, and to insert a new clause altogether, and I have so drafted this clause as to make it perfectly clear in future as to what offences stocks should apply. Instead of amending the principal ordinance I have prepared a new clause, and propose to set out as a schedule to the bill the four ordinances to which the hon. gentleman referred. I will now clear up the question entirely. I propose to leave out clause 3 and substitute the following section (read): That exactly to amend the second existing section of the Magistrates' Act with the amendment we have inserted here. And I also propose this proviso (read): I say that the hon. gentleman took exception to certain other ordinances, but as I have already pointed out to him, they are not ordinances which come within the jurisdiction of the Council. Personally I do not think these four ordinances are really of such a character that a Magistrate could impose stocks. Inasmuch as the law stands at present it is just as well to make it clear. The four Ordinances are: The Medical Registration Ordinance 1884, the Statutory Declarations Ordinance 1893, the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance of 1890 and the Stamp Ordinance of 1901.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—Sir, I accept the amendment proposed by the learned Attorney General. I think the new section is certainly an improvement on the one struck out.

Clause 3 as amended then became part of the Bill.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—The only other clause which has been held over in this Bill is the first subsection of clause 7. I agreed to hold that over for discussion at this meeting at the instance of the senior unofficial member, and I have taken the opportunity given last week of discussing the subject again with the Executive Council. I find that the majority of that council are of opinion that the legislation proposed is reasonable and proper, in view especially of the piece which I gave to the Council in connection with the subject. I think therefore that no regulation would be passed for a period of six months, during which time we should take steps to educate Chinese opinion both by posting notices and also by including the subject in the lectures given on sanitation and hygiene by Chinese lecturers. We have passed the second reading of the bill already, and there is no amendment at present before the committee. I would remind the committee that the amended clause is in evidence in the future, to compel persons to spit disrespectfully, that is to say in drains and spittoons so that the habit should not be a danger to the public health. During the discussion on the Public Health and Building Ordinances and on various other subjects I think I have given evidence to the Council that I most heartily desire the co-operation of the Chinese in all measures of sanitary reform in the Colony. It has been the burden of every address I have made on this subject, and I think therefore this committee may trust me and may trust the Executive Council not to act in any way prejudicial to that idea. The discussions which take place in this Council find their echo outside, and I would therefore deprecate observations which tend in opposite directions. The principle I have supported is that we should seek the co-operation of the Chinese in all our measures of sanitary reform and there is nothing in my mind in the amendment before the Council which is opposed to that principle.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—Sir, I think since your Excellency has gone so far as to promise that for the next six months at least no steps will be taken to make spitting a criminal offence, that it would perhaps be better still if your Excellency would allow certain measures to be carried out and at the end of that time see what effect they had. Then we would be in a position to know if non-success attended our efforts to legislate. It has this advantage: First of all we would say to the public that we would like to have spitting on floors in certain places stopped, and if it is not stopped in certain places we shall have to pass compulsory measures. I think suitable measures might be devised and carried out. Then we would be in a position to know how far

we have succeeded or how far we have failed and what measures we should adopt to achieve success. For this reason, Sir, I would say that this Bill is not made at all together for the time. It can be made the subject of distinct legislation afterwards.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk seconded.

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Hongkong, December 15, 1908.

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